

**PART 219—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS**

1. On page 64137, middle column, section 219.7202, paragraph (c)(1), is corrected to read as follows:

**219.7202 Applicability.**

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(c) \* \* \*

(1) The contracting activity will meet its goal for SDB concerns, established pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2323 and Departmental procedures, during the current fiscal year, without this preference;

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2. On page 64137, middle column, section 219.7203, paragraphs (b) and (d), are corrected to read as follows:

**219.7302 Procedures.**

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(b) Evaluate total offers. If the apparently successful offeror is an SDB concern, no preference-based evaluation is required under this subpart.

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(d) When using the procedures in 236.303-70, additive or deductive items, the evaluation preference in this subpart shall be applied.

3. On page 64137, last column, section 219.7204, paragraph (2), is corrected to read as follows:

**219.7204 Contract clause.**

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(2) Where work is to be performed inside the U.S., its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the District of Columbia.

**PART 236—CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECT-ENGINEER CONTRACTS**

4. On page 64137, last column, section 236.303-70, paragraph (c)(2), is corrected to read as follows:

**236.303-70 Additive or deductive items.**

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(c) \* \* \*

(2) Evaluate all bids, including those using the procedures in 219.7203, on the basis of the same additive or deductive bid items.

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**PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES**

5. On page 64138, first column, section 252.219-7010, paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3)(i) are corrected to read as follows:

**252.219-7010 Notice of evaluation preference for small disadvantaged business concerns—construction acquisitions—Test program.**

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(b) \* \* \*

(2) Offers will be evaluated initially based on their total prices. If the apparently successful offeror is an SDB concern, no preference-based evaluation will be conducted.

(3) \* \* \*

(i) Offers from SDBs which have not waived the evaluation preference; and

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****49 CFR Part 571**

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**Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment; Advisory Committee Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; schedule of advisory committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the final dates and locations of the three remaining series of meetings of NHTSA's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Negotiation (concerning the improvement of headlamp aimability performance and visual/optical headlamp aiming).

**DATES:** Tuesday-Thursday, January 16-18, 1996; Monday-Wednesday, March 4-6, 1996; Tuesday-Thursday, April 23-25, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The January and March 1996 meetings of the Advisory Committee will be held at the Department of Transportation, Room 2230, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC. The April 1996 meeting will be held at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, 2100 K Street NW., Washington, DC. Meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m., except for the meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 1996, which will begin at 10:00 a.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jere Medlin, Office of Vehicle Safety Standards, NHTSA (Phone: 202-366-5276; FAX: 202-366-4329). *Mediator:* Lynn Sylvester, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, (phone: 202-606-9140; FAX: 202-606-3679).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 16, 1995, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) published a tentative schedule for its early 1996 meetings of the Advisory Committee on Regulatory Negotiation (concerning the improvement of headlamp aimability performance and visual/optical headlamp aiming) (60 FR 42496). The notice announced that this schedule was subject to confirmation or modifications at the Committee's November 1995 meeting. It announced that if there were changes or additions to the schedule, NHTSA would publish a notice informing the public of the changes.

At its meeting on November 30, 1995, in order to complete its tasks by the end of April 1996, the Committee decided to expand its three remaining series of meetings from a schedule of two days each to one of three days each, to be held on the days and in the locations shown above. The dates are approximately those announced in the August notice.

The meetings are open to the public.

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Barry Felrice,

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****50 CFR Parts 642 and 659**

[I.D. 120695B]

**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold 13 public hearings on Draft Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP). In conjunction with these hearings, the Council will also hold seven public hearings to solicit comments on management measures for Draft Amendment 2 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP). Both Draft Amendment 8 and

Draft Amendment 2 include Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements (SEISs).

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., January 19, 1996. The hearings will be held from January 1 to January 5, 1996, and from January 8 to January 12, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft amendments are available from Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer, at (803) 571-4366. Written comments may be faxed or sent to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407. Fax: 813-225-7015. The draft amendments will be available to the public at the hearings.

The hearings for draft Amendment 8 (Coastal Pelagics) will be held in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York. The hearings for draft Amendment 2 (Shrimp) will be held in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of the hearings and special accommodations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Buchanan, 803-571-4366.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The hearings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and will end when all business is completed. The dates and locations are scheduled as follows:

1. Tuesday, January 2, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics) Ft. Pierce—Holiday Inn, 7151 Okeechobbe Road, Ft. Pierce, FL; telephone: (407) 464-5000;

2. Tuesday, January 2, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics & Shrimp) Murrell's Inlet—Murrell's Inlet Community Center, 4450 Murrell's Inlet Road, Murrell's Inlet, SC; telephone: (803) 651-7373;

3. Wednesday, January 3, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics & Shrimp) Jacksonville—Sea Turtle Days Inn, 10 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach, FL; telephone: (904) 249-7402;

4. Wednesday, January 3, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics & Shrimp) Wilmington—Holiday Inn, 1706 N. Lumina Avenue, Wrightsville Beach, NC; telephone: (910) 256-2231;

5. Thursday, January 4, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics & Shrimp) Brunswick—Comfort Inn—195, 5308 New Jesup Highway, Brunswick, GA; telephone: (912) 264-6540;

6. Thursday, January 4, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics & Shrimp) Morehead City—Carteret Community College, 3505 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC; telephone: (919) 247-3094;

7. Friday, January 5, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics & Shrimp) Savannah—Holiday Inn-Mid-Town, 7100 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA; telephone: (912) 352-7100;

8. Monday, January 8, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics & Shrimp) Charleston—Town & Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC; telephone: (803) 571-1000;

9. Monday, January 8, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics) Ronkonkoma—Holiday Inn, 3845 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY; telephone: (516) 585-9500;

10. Tuesday, January 9, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics) Tom's River—Holiday Inn, 290 Route 37 East, Tom's River, NJ; telephone: (908) 244-4000;

11. Wednesday, January 10, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics) Salisbury—Holiday Inn, 2625 N. Salisbury Blvd., Salisbury, MD; telephone: (410) 742-7194;

12. Thursday, January 11, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics) Norfolk—Quality Inn Lake Wright, 6280 Northampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA; telephone: (804) 461-6251;

13. Friday, January 12, 1996, (Coastal Pelagics) Manteo—North Carolina Aquarium, Airport Road, Manteo, NC; telephone: (919) 473-3494;

Draft Amendment 8 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP

The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils will hold public hearings on draft Amendment 8 to the FMP and the draft SEIS. Amendment 8 proposes management measures for the fisheries for king and Spanish mackerel, cobia, and dolphin (fish). Amendment 8 proposes measures that (1) apply only to the South Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Council's jurisdiction, (2) apply only to the Gulf Council's jurisdiction, or (3) apply to the three Councils' jurisdictions.

Proposed actions that would affect only the stocks and area under the jurisdiction of the South Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Council are as follows: Harvest Spanish mackerel only with hook and line, run-around nets and stab nets (nets shall not exceed 600 yd (549 m) in length), and along Florida's east coast nets are limited to 1 hour soak time; harvest king mackerel with hook and line only; allow the harvest of other directed coastal pelagics with surface longline, hook and line including manual, electric, or hydraulic rod and reels, and bandit gear only; allow the use of cast nets and other nets with mesh sizes no larger than 2 1/2-inch (6.35 cm) stretch mesh and no longer than 50 yd (46 m) for the purpose of catching bait; allow the introduction of experimental gear; provide that non-

conforming gear be limited to the bag limit for species with a bag limit; allow the transfer at sea of Spanish mackerel between permitted vessels; establish a 5-year moratorium beginning on October 16, 1995 on the issuance of commercial vessel permits with a king mackerel endorsement; provide for the transfer of vessel permits to other vessels; require that anyone applying for a commercial vessel permit demonstrate that 25 percent of annual income or \$5,000 is from commercial fishing; require that as a condition for a Federal commercial or charter vessel permit, the applicant comply with the more restrictive of state or Federal rules when fishing in state waters; extend the range of cobia management through New York; establish the following commercial trip limits for Atlantic king mackerel of 3,500 lb (1.6 mt) for Volusia/Flagler County, FL to the New York/Connecticut border from April 1 - March 31, a 3,500 lb (1.6 mt) limit for Volusia/Flagler to Brevard/Volusia, FL from April 1 to October 31, and a 50-fish limit for Brevard/Volusia to Dade/Monroe, FL from April 1 to October 31.

Amendment 8 also includes the following measures that apply to the three Councils' jurisdictions: Require commercial dealer permits to buy and sell coastal pelagic fish managed under the FMP and require that dealers keep and make available records of purchase by vessel; recreational bag and commercial trip limit alternatives for cobia and dolphin (fish); retention of king mackerel damaged by barracuda bites by vessels under commercial trip limits; an alternative trip limit for Atlantic group king mackerel for Monroe County, FL of 125 fish from April 1 to October 31; changes to procedures used to set total allowable catch; and changes to definitions of overfishing and optimum yield.

Proposed measures in Amendment 8 applying only to the area and stocks under the jurisdiction of the Gulf of Mexico Council were published in the Federal Register on December 5, 1995.

Draft Amendment 2 to the Shrimp FMP

At its meeting of August 21-25, 1995, the Council approved draft Amendment 2 to the Shrimp FMP for public hearing. At its October 23-27 meeting, at the request of the Director, Southeast Region, NMFS (Regional Director), the Council approved additional options concerning a bycatch reduction device (BRD) certification protocol for inclusion in Amendment 2.

The Council is holding public hearings to solicit views on certain management measures in the draft amendment that are intended to reduce

bycatch in South Atlantic penaeid shrimp fisheries included in the amendment.

Draft Amendment 2 would also modify the management unit to include the populations of brown and pink shrimp occurring along the U.S. Atlantic coast from the east coast of Florida, including the Atlantic side of the Florida Keys, to the North Carolina/Virginia border. This amendment includes measures to reduce bycatch only in the penaeid shrimp fishery.

Shrimp trawls have a significant bycatch of non-target finfish and invertebrates, most of which are discarded dead. This may reduce ecosystem diversity, adversely impact other fauna, and significantly reduce yield in other fisheries directed at these discarded species. The Council is proposing regulations to address a mandate established by the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission to minimize the impact of bycatch on Spanish mackerel and weakfish resources.

Also, the South Atlantic states, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida are directed under the interjurisdictional weakfish management plan to implement management measures that will reduce bycatch of weakfish in shrimp trawls by 50 percent for the 1996 shrimp season. The Council, in order to create compatible regulations with the South Atlantic states, is addressing bycatch in Federal waters to ensure effective reduction of weakfish bycatch throughout the range of the species.

#### *Management Measures under Consideration*

The following management measures are under consideration by the Council for inclusion in Amendment 2 to the Shrimp FMP:

1. Add brown and pink shrimp to the management unit,
2. Define overfishing for brown and pink shrimp,
3. Define optimum yield for the pink and brown shrimp fisheries,
4. Require the use of certified BRDs in all penaeid shrimp trawls in the South Atlantic Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). All shrimp nets (any net with mesh less than 2 1/2 inches (6.35 cm) stretch mesh) and all nets greater than 15 ft (4.6 m) in footrope length (or compatible with Turtle Excluder Device requirements for try nets) that are used as try (test) nets would be required to use a certified BRD.

A. Upon implementation of Amendment 2, BRDs that have passed the operational testing phase of the NMFS cooperative bycatch research

program (fish eyes, extended funnels and large mesh) are de facto certified for use in the EEZ.

B. Other BRDs will subsequently be certified according to procedures and criteria specified in item 5.

5. Establish a BRD certification process and specify certification criteria for new or modified BRDs. The Council is specifically requesting input from industry members concerning protocol options for future BRD certification of new or modified BRDs:

A. The following are options for BRD certification protocol being considered by the Council:

*Option 1:* The Council makes final recommendations for certification to the NMFS Regional Director;

*Option 2:* The Regional Director makes the decision based on direct application to NMFS; and

*Option 3:* BRDs developed, tested and approved by state agencies, meeting the criteria specified in the amendment, may be used in the EEZ in lieu of BRDs certified by NMFS.

Three geographical sub-options are identified for Option 3 to specify where state-approved BRDs would be allowed for use in the EEZ:

- i: Adjacent to the state in which the BRD was approved,
- ii: Throughout the EEZ in the South Atlantic region, or
- iii: In the EEZ by vessels registered in the state where BRDs have been approved.

B. The Amendment will also establish certification criteria for new or modified BRDs. New or modified BRDs must be certified or approved by NMFS for use in the South Atlantic penaeid shrimp fishery based on the following criteria:

- i. The BRD must reduce the bycatch component of fishing mortality for Spanish mackerel and weakfish by 50 percent, and
- ii. The shrimp loss rate (by weight) must be acceptable to fishermen.

The Council intends to finalize both Amendments at its meeting in St. Augustine, FL, from February 12-16, 1996. The public will have an opportunity to comment at the full Council session before the Council takes final action to adopt the amendment's management measures. Once finalized, the amendment will be submitted to NMFS for review, approval and implementation. NMFS will provide a 60-day public comment period on the amendment and a 45-day public comment period on the proposed implementing rule during its 110-day review period.

#### *Special Accommodations*

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by December 27, 1995.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 15, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### **Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; 1996 Specifications**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed 1996 initial specifications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS proposes initial specifications for the 1996 fishing year for Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish (SMB). Regulations governing these fisheries require NMFS to publish specifications for the upcoming fishing year and provide an opportunity for the public to comment. This action is intended to promote the development of the U.S. SMB fisheries.

**DATES:** Public comments must be received on or before January 17, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's quota paper and recommendations are available from David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19901.

Comments should be sent to Dr. Andrew A. Rosenberg, Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Please mark the envelope "Comments—1996 SMB specifications."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Myles Raizin, 508-281-9104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries (FMP)